

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, or listings, of the claims.

Listing of Claims

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A method for producing multi-segment filters in the tobacco-processing industry comprising:

delivering filter rods or filter segments to form a group of filter segments; and

introducing a medium to the filter rods or filter segments before completion of the delivering step.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of delivering additional filter rods or filter segments to the formed group of filter segments.

20. (New) The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of cutting the filter rods into filter segments after the injecting step.

21. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the delivering step includes either:

a) transporting the filter rods or filter segments from a magazine to a module, or;

b) transporting the filter rods or filter segments from a magazine through a module;

and introducing the medium in the filter rods or filter segments during the transporting step

22. (New) The method according to claim 18 wherein the medium is introduced to the filter rods or filter segments while the filter rods or filter segments are positioned on a conveying

drum or operating drum.

23. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the filter rods or filter segments are held in place before the medium is introduced.

24. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein a predetermined amount of the medium is introduced.

25. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the medium is introduced by an element for injecting the filter rod or segment or by an element for providing the medium to the outside of the filter rod or segment.

26. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the element is an injection needle or a spray nozzle.

27. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the medium is introduced parallel to the longitudinal axial direction of the filter segments or the filter rods.

28. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the medium is introduced into at least one hollow space in a multifilter segment or a multifilter rod.

29. (New) A module for a multi-segment filter maker in the tobacco-processing industry, wherein filter segments or filter rods can be delivered to form a group of filter segments and a device is provided for introducing a medium into the filter segments or filter rods.

30. (New) The module of claim 29, wherein the module comprises a device for introducing a medium into filter rods or filter segments, and a cutting device for cutting the filter rods into filter segments.

31. (New) The module according to claim 29, wherein the device forms a part of a conveying means, said conveying means comprising a conveying drum or an operating drum.

32. (New) The module according to claim 29, wherein the module comprises a holding element for holding the filter rods or the filter segments against the operating drum.

33. (New) The module according to claim 29, wherein the device comprises a spray nozzle or a spray needle for introducing the medium to the filter rods or filter segments.

34. (New) The module according to claim 33, wherein the injection element is subjected to pressure by a compressed-air source or a piston.

35. (New) The module according to claim 29, wherein a metering device is provided for the medium.

36. (New) A multi-segment filter maker in the tobacco-processing industry, comprising a the device of claim 29.

37. (New) The module of claim 29, wherein additional filter rods or filter segments are delivered to the group of formed filter segments.